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1. PLEASE DEFER DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE IX, PARA 1 ALTERNA-
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2. FIRST ALTERNATIVE WORDING FOR ARTICLE VII (PARA 1) OF

SOFA QUOTED PARA 2 REFTEL IS ACCEPTABLE. SECOND ALTERNATIVE, HOWEVER, IS NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPTABLE SINCE IT COULD BE USED TO UNDERCUT TAX EXEMPTION ON BASIS THAT SOME FORM OF "SERVICE" UNDERLIES MOST TAXES.

3. REFORMULATION OF PARA 1 OF GENERAL ACCESS PROVISION SET FORTH PARA 3 REFTEL IS ACCEPTABLE. PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF PARA 2 OF GENERAL ACCESS PROVISION SET FORTH PARA 3 REFTEL, HOWEVER, WOULD REQUIRE SUBSEQUENT ESTABLISHMENT OF "PROCEDURES" IN IMPLEMENTATION OF "TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS". THIS WOULD MERELY ADD ANOTHER LAYER OF RULES TO THE FORMULA WITHOUT SOLVING THE PROBLEM. MOREOVER, THIS WORDING IMPLIES THAT GREEKS WOULD UNILATERALLY ESTABLISH THE "PROCEDURES". IF REFERENCE TO "CLEARANCE

PROCEDURES" IS IMPORTANT, THIS TERM SHOULD BE VIEWED AS SUBSTITUTION FOR "TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS", AS FOLLOWS: "OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCE PROCEDURES FOR THE MOVEMENT OF US MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN GREEK AIRSPACE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:" KISSINGER

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